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SUBJ: ROK UN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

REF: (A) USUN 3489; (B) USUN 3484 (NOTAL)

1. ON BARELY 30 MINUTES NOTICE, ROK UN OBSERVER MISSION (ROKUN) INVITED COSPONSORS OF DRAFT UNGA RESOLUTION ON KOREA TO A MEETING AT 10:30 A.M. JULY 30 CONCERNING REACTIVATION OF THE ROK'S UN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (REFS (A) AND (B)).

2. MEETING ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF US, CANADA, COSTA RICA, JAPAN, THE NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, AND PARAGUAY. UK, SHORTHANDED, UNABLE TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE.

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3. ROK AMB PARK, WHOCHAired MEETING, APOLOGIZED FOR SHORT NOTICE

AND EXPLAINED THAT INSTRUCTIONS TO REACTIVATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION RECEIVED ONLY EVENING BEFORE. HE CONTINUED THAT THE CABLE FROM ROK FOREIGN MINISTER TO UNSYG ASKING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF ROK APPLICATION WOULD BE DELIVERED AT NOON TO UN SECRETARIAT. HE HOPED, NEVERTHELESS, THAT MEETING WOULD BE REGARDED AS GESTURE OF FRIENDLY COOPERATION. PARK STRESSED THAT, BECAUSE THIS ROK ACTION RELATED TO ANOTHER ASPECT OF KOREAN QUESTION IN UN, HE WANTED COSPONSORS OF DRAFT UNGA RESOLUTION TO KNOW ABOUT IT IN ADVANCE.

4. AFTER RECALLING FOUR SOVIET VETOES OF THE ROK'S MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (1949, 51, 57, 58), PARK SAID THAT, SINCE 1961, WHEN THE ROK LAST COMMUNICATED WITH THE UNSYG ABOUT MEMBERSHIP, THE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT HAD UNDERGONE PROFOUND CHANGE. THE UN HAD BECOME MUCH MORE OF A FORUM WHERE DIVERGENT VIEWS SHOULD BE HARMONIZED, RATHER THAN ONE FOR UNNECESSARY CONFRONTATION. HE EMPHASIZED THAT, IF THE TWO VIETNAMS WERE ADMITTED TO THE UN, KOREA WOULD BE LEFT ALONE AS A DIVIDED NATION OUTSIDE THE UN. HIS GOVERNMENT FELT, THEREFORE, THAT IT SHOULD SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REASSERT THE ROK'S CONTINUING DESIRE FOR MEMBERSHIP. PARK DECLARED THAT THE POSITION OF NORTH KOREA OPPOSING ROK MEMBERSHIP SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DECIDE THE QUESTION. HE ASKED THE COUNTRIES INVITED TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO THE ROK'S CANDIDACY.

5. DURING DISCUSSION AFTER PARK'S PRESENTATION, NEW ZEALAND ASKED ABOUT US POSITION REGARDING THE VIETNAMESE AND KOREAN APPLICATIONS. US REPLIED THAT VIETNAMESE APPLICATIONS REMAINED UNDER STUDY AND THAT, OVER THE YEARS, US HAS FIRMLY SUPPORTED ROK'S DESIRE FOR UN MEMBERSHIP.

6. COSTA RICA NEXT SPOKE UP TO SAY IT WOULD GIVE FULLEST SUPPORT TO ROK APPLICATION. COSTA RICA REPORTED, THOUGH, THAT REPRESENTATIVE OF CHINA'S UN MISSION HAD TOLD COSTA RICANS RECENTLY THAT CHINA WOULD VETO AN ROK MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. NEW ZEALAND THEN SUGGESTED THAT, IF PROGRESS IMPOSSIBLE ON THREE APPLICATIONS AS A WHOLE, DEFERRAL OF CONSIDERATION OF ALL MIGHT WELL BE THE RESULT. JAPAN, REPRESENTED BY SECOND SECRETARY BECAUSE MINISTER COMPETENT ON KOREAN QUESTION ATTENDING

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